

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A carrier configured to hold a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between opened and closed positions, said carrier comprising:

a body adapted to receive the container, said body always being open such that there is always access to the door of the container when the container is received in the body; and

an elongate arm coupled to said body for reciprocal extension along an axis of said arm between an extended position and a retracted position with respect to said body, said arm being configured for engagement with the door of the container, and said reciprocal extension of said arm being adapted to reciprocate the door of the container in the direction of said axis between the opened and closed positions.

2. (Original) The carrier of claim 1 further comprising a flexible member coupled to said arm, wherein said arm is reciprocally extended or retracted along said axis by a tension applied to said flexible member.

3. (Original) The carrier of claim 1 further comprising a biasing member coupled to said arm to bias said arm toward said extended position or said retracted position, wherein said arm is reciprocally extended or retracted along said axis against said bias of said biasing member.

4. (Original) The carrier of claim 3 wherein said biasing member comprises a spring.

5. (Original) The carrier of claim 3 wherein said biasing member is coupled to said arm to bias said arm toward said extended position, and wherein said arm is retracted along said axis against said bias of said biasing member.

6. (Original) The carrier of claim 2 further comprising a lever pivotally coupled to said body, wherein tension is applied to said flexible member by actuation of said lever.

7. (Original) The carrier of claim 6 further comprising a locking bracket coupled to said body for reciprocation between a locked position, wherein said locking bracket substantially prevents said lever from pivoting with respect to

said body, and an unlocked position, wherein said lever may pivot with respect to said body.

8. (Original) The carrier of claim 1 wherein the body comprises a body portion configured to support the container and a hood pivotally coupled to said body portion to pivot between a closed position wherein said hood restrains the container within the body portion and an open position wherein the container may be removed from the body portion.

9. (Original) The carrier of claim 8 further comprising a lock positioned for locking said hood in said closed position with respect to said body portion.

10. (Original) The carrier of claim 9 wherein said lock is lockable and unlockable by use of a key.

11. (Original) The carrier of claim 8 wherein said arm extends from said hood for reciprocal movement with respect to said hood.

12. (Original) The carrier of claim 11 further comprising a biasing member coupled to said arm and to said hood to bias said arm toward said extended position or said retracted position with respect to said hood, wherein said arm is reciprocally extended or retracted along said axis against said bias of said biasing member.

13. (Original) The carrier of claim 1 further comprising a locking member for locking said arm in said retracted position.

14. (Original) The carrier of claim 13 wherein said arm has a shoulder portion which is engaged by said locking member to lock said arm in said retracted position.

15. (Original) The carrier of claim 14 wherein said locking member is coupled to said body for reciprocal movement between an engaged position in which said arm is locked in said retracted position and a disengaged position in which said arm is free to move between said extended and retracted positions.

16. (Previously Presented) A door-less carrier configured to hold a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between opened and closed positions, said carrier comprising:

a body adapted to receive the container, said body comprising a body portion configured to support the container and a hood pivotally coupled to said body portion to pivot between a closed position wherein said hood restrains the

container within said body portion and an open position wherein the container may be removed from the body portion;

an elongate arm coupled to said body for reciprocal extension along an axis of said arm between an extended position and a retracted position with respect to said body, said arm extending from said hood for reciprocal movement with respect to said hood, said arm being adapted for engagement with the door of the container, and said reciprocal extension of said arm being adapted to reciprocate the door of the container in the direction of said axis between the opened and closed positions;

a flexible member coupled to said arm, wherein said arm is reciprocally extended or retracted along said axis by a tension applied to said flexible member; and

a biasing member coupled to said arm to bias said arm toward said extended position, wherein said arm is retracted along said axis against said bias of said biasing member;

said body portion and said hood of said door-less carrier together defining an access opening that is always open for access to the door of the container when the container is received by said body.

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28. (Original) A carrier configured to hold a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between closed and opened positions, said carrier comprising:

a body portion at least partially defining a cavity sized to receive the container;

a hood coupled to the body portion and configured to extend over at least a portion of the container;

an arm coupled to said hood for reciprocal movement with respect to said hood between an extended position when the door of the container is in the closed position and a non-extended position when the door of the container is in the opened position, said arm being adapted to reciprocate the door of the container between the closed and opened positions; and

a spring coupled to the hood and to the arm for biasing the arm toward the extended position.

29. (Original) The carrier of claim 28, wherein the spring is a coiled spring.

30. (Original) The carrier of claim 28, further comprising a locking member for locking said arm in a retracted position.

31. (Original) The carrier of claim 28, further comprising a lock positioned for locking said hood in a closed position with respect to said body portion.

32. (Original) The carrier of claim 28, further comprising:
a lever coupled to said body portion and to said arm; and
a locking bracket coupled to said body portion for reciprocation between a locked position, wherein said locking bracket prevents movement of said lever with respect to said body portion, and an unlocked position, wherein said lever may move with respect to said body portion.

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